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PROJECT SUN STREAK

WARNING NOTICE: INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED

PROJECT NUMBER: 8808

SESSION NUMBER: ~~4~~ 12

DATE OF SESSION: 2 JUN 88

DATE OF REPORT: 2 JUN 88

START: 1005

END: 1110

METHODOLOGY: WRV

VIEWER IDENTIFIER: 079

1. (S/NF/SK) MISSION: Determine if USMC LTC William (Rich) Higgins is alive. If affirmative, determine his current location and estimated date of release as a hostage. Determine circumstances of his release.

2. (S/NF/SK) VIEWER TASKING: Determine if LTC Higgins is alive. Determine his current location. Estimate the date of release from captivity as a hostage.

3. (S/NF/SK) COMMENTS: No Inclemencies noted. Summary of Information (SOI) is attached as an enclosure. Weekly updates will continue pending the release of LTC Higgins from captivity.

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SUMMARY

USMC LTC William (Rich) Higgins and his captors are currently on land, near the water, in a wooded brush area located in the vicinity of Wadi az Zaynah. The captors are at an impasse. Communications with the base area of operations have been lost. They are without any local, logistical support. They currently sleep "on the dirt" in the bush. Access to Beirut is precluded by the presence of (Syrian?) forces in the southern portion of that city. They are more or less constantly on the move and are now heading south along the coast towards Sidon. Their ultimate goal at this time is to return to the area of Arab Salim. They are either in or heading south towards an area known as "Chole". (Chole is not shown on the area map utilized during the session). The captors have no automobiles at their disposition and their food supplies are low. They are very much aware of the persistent pressure exerted against them by the Israeli forces. Negotiations are ongoing for the release of US hostages (associated with the University of Beirut); however, the (moderate) Lebanese negotiators have no claim or authority on LTC Higgins. In the near future (6 to 16 days), the (moderate) Lebanese negotiators will convince the Hezbollah-oriented captors of Higgins to release LTC Higgins. The Hezbollah-oriented captors who already feel somewhat abandoned and alone in this venture, will release LTC Higgins. Tunisia may very well play a roll in (future?) negotiations related to the hostages. An

American senator may very well play a part in the negotiations of US hostages who were associated with the University of Beirut. Efforts by the (West) German diplomatic corps become successful in obtaining the release of Cordes in June 1988 (this data merely confirms previous reporting on Cordes).